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LB 498, 574

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. The question before us is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 498. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The committee amendments are adopted. Discussion on the advancement of LB 498. Senator Wickersham waives closing. The motion before us is the advancement of LB 498. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 498.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 498 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 574.

CLERK: (LB) 574, Mr. President, a bill introduced by Senator Jensen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19, at that time referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President. (See AM0386 found on page 617 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. For opening on LB 574, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 574 embodies language from the Tobacco Master Settlement, MSA, as contained in Appendix T of the Master Settlement Agreement. The bill relates to nonparticipating tobacco manufacturers, i.e., those tobacco manufacturers who are not parties of the MSA, and except for a few minor procedural changes, LB 573 (sic) is identical to the MSA model statute. And that's very important, that this bill retains its identical language, even to the point of periods, colons, and semicolons. Section 1 of the bill contains the legislative findings. Section 2, the definitions. Section 3 requires all tobacco product manufacturers must either participate in the MSA or establish an escrow account and put money into the account at